

the context of the United States energy policy, focusing on possible methods of tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and whether it would prove effective in the short run and in the long run, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Kripowicz, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D943)

H.R. 1729, to designate the Federal facility located at 1301 Emmet Street in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Pamela B. Gwin Hall". Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-266)

H.R. 1901, to designate the United States border station located in Pharr, Texas, as the "Kika de la Garza United States Border Station". Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-267)

H.R. 1959, to designate the Federal building located at 643 East Durango Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Adrian A. Spears Judicial Training Center". Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-268)

H.R. 4608, to designate the United States courthouse located at 220 West Depot Street in Greeneville, Tennessee, as the "James H. Quillen United States Courthouse". Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-269)

S. 1027, to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy. Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-270)

S. 1117, to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee. Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-271)

S. 1374, to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming. Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-272)

S. 1937, to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities. Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-273)

S. 2869, to protect religious liberty. Signed September 22, 2000. (P.L. 106-274)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine nursing home initiatives, 8:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to resume hearings on United States policy towards Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings on the proposal by the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate agency regulations that would restrict the types of non-audit services that independent public accountants may provide to their audit clients, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to oversight hearings to examine the impacts of the recent United States Federal Circuit Court of Appeals decisions regarding the Federal Government's breach of contract for failure to accept high level nuclear waste by January 1998, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold joint hearings to examine the status of the Kyoto protocol after three years, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 8:55 a.m., SD-406.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on H.R. 809, to amend the Act of June 1, 1948, to provide for reform of the Federal Protective Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to mark up H.R. 4844, to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries; and proposed legislation to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the renewal of distressed communities, to provide for 9 additional empowerment zones and increased tax incentives for empowerment zone development, to encourage investments in new markets, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine slavery throughout the world, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings to examine the status of the Kyoto protocol after three years, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine agricultural competition, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on Ongoing Energy Concerns for the American Consumer: Natural Gas and Heating Oil, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* hearing on the Success of Charter Schools, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* to mark up the following: H. Res. 577, to honor the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for its role as a protector of the world's refugees, to celebrate UNHCR's 50th anniversary, and to praise the High Commissioner Sadako Ogata for her work with UNHCR for the past ten years; H. Con. Res. 397, voicing concern about serious violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in

most states of Central Asia, including substantial non-compliance with their Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) commitments on democratization and the holding of free and fair elections; S. 2682, to authorize the Broadcasting Board of Governors to make available to the Institute for Media Development certain materials of the Voice of America; S. 1453. Sudan Peace Act; and H. Res. 398, United States Training on and Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide Resolution, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, hearing on H.R. 5285, Serious Human Rights Abusers Accountability Act of 2000, 10:15 a.m.; and to mark up the following: H.R. 5285; H.R. 5293, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve provisions relating to inadmissibility and detention of, and cancellation of removal for, aliens who have committed crimes; and to consider INS reports for private relief bills, 11:30 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing to review the final outcome of proposals and resolutions offered by the U.S. and other countries at the Eleventh Regular Meeting of CITES (COP11), 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on Range Privatization: How Fast, How Soon and How Much? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight, hearing on the Future of Small Business in America, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Airline Delays: The Summer of our Discontent, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Human Subjects Protections in VA Medical Research, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, to mark up H.R. 4857, Privacy and Identity Protection Act of 2000, 1:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight, to continue hearings on the Tax Code and the New Economy, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meetings

*Conference*: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3244, to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, 12:30 p.m., H-139, Capitol. Next Meeting of the Senate 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 28, 2000.